

**ORDINANCE 2015- 1**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE PERSONS RECEIVING CERTAIN CITATIONS TO APPEAR AT THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR TO THE DAHLONEGA MUNICIPAL COURT AT THE TIME SPECIFIED ON CITATION; TO PROVIDE AN AMOUNT CHARGED FOR SUCH FINE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dahlonega desire the Municipal Court to have certain jurisdictions and powers; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court of the City of Dahlonega shall have the authority to impose a penalty for offences; and

WHEREAS, the Dahlonega Charter Article IV, Section 4.13(b) states that the municipal court shall have the authority to punish those in its presence for contempt, provided that such a punishment shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or ten (10) days in jail; and

WHEREAS, in any case where a person is charged for a violation requiring an appearance before the municipal court of the city they receive a citation indicating a specified time and place to appear before the municipal court; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained by the City Council of Dahlonega, Georgia that from the effective date of this ordinance as follows:

**SECTION 1 - Appearance before the court of persons served with charges; failure to appear; penalty.**

(A) In any case where any person is charged with the violation of any of the provisions of this code or any other ordinances of the city and a copy of charges or other citations is delivered to the person requiring an appearance before the municipal court of the city at a specified time and place, it shall be the duty of that person to appear at the time and place set out in the charges or citations.

(B) Any person failing to appear at the time and place set out in the charges or citations shall be guilty of contempt of court.

(C) The fine for contempt of court for failure to appear shall be \$125.00.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**IT IS SO ORDAINED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela Wirth, City Clerk